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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))

☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)

☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application☒ claims Nos. 29

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 29  
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

Claim 29 relates to a method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery and therapy.

Thus, the International Preliminary Examination Authority is not required to draw up an examination for this claim (Rule 67.1 (iv)).

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are so inadequately supported  
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the  
Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with  
the technical requirements provided for in the Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)****Cited documents**

The closest prior art is defined by the following document, which is cited in the search report:

(D1) WO 00/23147, A1

D1 describes a device, an apparatus and a method for heat treatment of a patient. The treatment transducer can be an ultrasonic or a microwave transducer and is situated in a probe. Cooling liquid is flushed through the probe to prevent heating of the tissue around the area to be heated (See page 10, line 19-26; claim 17; figures 2 and 3).

**Statement of reasons**

The thermotherapy apparatus, described in document D1, is the closest prior art. The claimed device has a probe with a transmitter element placed behind a heat insulating shield. Such an arrangement is neither known nor obvious for a person skilled in the art, with knowledge of D1, to construct.

Thus, the device claimed in claims 1-28 is new (N), comprises an inventive step (IS) and is industrially applicable (IA).